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## HAD VARIED EXPERIENCES.

Corp. Harry Levin Writes Home Summary of Them.

"The story of a Barre boy 'who went,' might well caption the letter which Corp. Harry Levin recently of the 101st ammunition train, early of C company in the old 1st Vermont regiment, and more recently a staff attaché of army postoffice No. 902, wrote his father from Bourges, France, under date of Nov. 24. Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Levin of Marchant street received the letter yesterday. It relates in an interesting manner the experiences of the soldier from the day he left Camp Bartlett, near Westfield, Mass., more than a year ago. He writes as follows:

To-day is 'Father's day' throughout the American expeditionary forces, a day set apart for the soldiers to write a letter to their fathers. These letters are going to be given prompt attention so they will reach home by Christmas.

The censor has lifted the ban somewhat, and I will write you a little synopsis of my experiences from the day I left the states until to-day. We broke camp on Oct. 2, 1917, at Camp Bartlett, Mass., and at 5 p. m. we left for New York City, arriving there at 4 a. m. the next day. We boarded a ferry, the "Grand Republic," and crossed over to Hoboken, N. J., where we loaded on H. M. S. "Aurora" at 10:30 a. m. At 12:30 p. m. we left the U. S. A. for the land of struggle. It took us 14 days to go across. On Oct. 17, 1917, we landed at Liverpool, Eng., and disembarked at 12:30 a. m. Boarded a train and at 2 we were on our way again. The next day we arrived at Southampton, Eng., where we stayed three days and three nights in an English camp. From there we loaded on the "Great Western Miller" and crossed the channel; and on the 24th day of October, 1917, we landed in La Havre, France. There we stayed over night. The next day some more trains, and after two days and two nights of traveling we reached our destination, Camp Coelquidan, a big artillery camp.

We stayed there until Dec. 18, 1917, doing guard duty. Our company was sent on special duty to Gironcourt (Voges). Here is where I spent Christmas and New Years. We stayed until Jan. 31, 1918. Then we went to Creil, near Paris. It was in this place that I was with the quartermaster in an office. From there I was sent to Paris March 1 to the hospital for my eyes. I was in Paris two weeks. I was then sent to hospital in Savigny, near St. Nazaire, where I stayed until May 7, 1918. Then I was sent to St. Angion to be returned to my outfit, and May 15 I was back again with the company. Here was where I got my first trials of war. We were stationed at Sanzev, near Toul, on the Toul front. Here we stayed until June 31, carrying ammunition day and night up to the front.

From there we left for the Chateau Thierry front and on July 6 we carried our first load up to that front. This was the beginning of the end. From this time on, the Americans had the boche on the run. The three weeks that I spent here, at Chateau Thierry, were the worst three that I ever spent in all my life, and believe me, I am some lucky to be alive to tell of it. We were relieved on Aug. 6, 1918, and the next day I left for the hospital at Mars-sur-Allier, near Nevers. I stayed there a week and then went to the convalescent camp about a mile from the hospital. I stayed there a month. While I was there I went to Paris again for the holidays. From the C. C. I was sent to Blois for replacement. After 1½ days I was sent to Bourges for postal work and here I have been, nine weeks to-day. And from here I hope to be sent home. \* \* \* I will tell you about my real experiences after I get home, which I hope will be soon. Here are some of the places I have visited: Havre, Lyons, Orleans, Neufchâteau, Blois, Nantes, Bourges, Verdon, Bordeaux, Toul, St. Nazaire, St. Angion, Tours.

## GRANITEVILLE

Gilbert's hall to-night, five reels—the twelfth episode of "The Red Ace," featuring Mary Walcamp; a two-reel comedy, also Universal Screen magazine. Admission, 6 and 11 cents. To-morrow night, eight reels—the fifth episode of "The Lost Express," featuring Helen Holmes, also a good five-reel Mutual feature, and a comedy. Admission, 10c and 15c.—adv.

## Notice.

Regular meeting of Barre polishers' branch will be held in their hall, Nichols block, on Thursday evening, Dec. 19, at 7 o'clock. W. G. Pirie, Sec.

## Notice.

A regular meeting of the Central Labor union of Barre and vicinity will be held in carpenters' hall, Worthen block, on Friday evening, Dec. 20, at 7:30 o'clock. Delegates please note change of date. Per order Angus McDonald, Sec.

## South Barre Grange Fair.

South Barre grange fair Thursday and Friday evenings. Thursday evening—vocal and instrumental music, a farce, tableau, "America and Her Allies," tableaux illustrating the song, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean." Friday evening—music, reading, patriotic tableaux, with music and readings. Admission, 10c and 15c. Everyone invited.—adv.

## BETHEL

Thomas O'Rourke Died Yesterday Afternoon of Pneumonia.

Thomas O'Rourke, one of the oldest of the tannery employes, died of pneumonia yesterday afternoon. He had been ill only a few days. He was born in County Clare, Ireland, and soon after his marriage to Mary McCormick of the same county, he came to Springfield, Mass. This was in 1872. From there he moved to Woburn, Mass., and about 35 years ago the firm of Alley Bros. & Place, then operating the Bethel tannery, induced him to move to this village, which had been his home ever since. He is survived by his wife and a son, Michael O'Rourke of Boston, who, with his wife, came yesterday too late to see his father alive. Mrs. William Moore, who died two years ago, was his daughter. William J. Moore, of the 103d machine gun battalion, 26th division, the first drafted man from Bethel in the new army, who has seen some of the most active service of the war, is his grandson.

Edward A. Preston of this place and Miss Ella McAllister, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. McAllister of this place, were married last evening by Rev. J. Wesley Miller at his home. They will live at the Preston farm on Christian hill.

While chopping in the woods near his father's place at South Randolph last Monday, Clayton G. Wright of East Bethel had his leg broken in a very painful manner when a log fell on it. Both bones were broken near the knee, so that they protruded through the flesh and skin. Dr. J. P. Gifford of Randolph was called and the injured man was taken to the sanatorium at that place.

The funeral of P. C. House, the oldest person in Bethel, was held at his late home in East Bethel yesterday afternoon, Rev. J. Wesley Miller officiating. The bearers were Ransom H. Buck, James M. Fowler, Mark W. Hyde and Erwin W. Perrin.

The funeral of Amelias Williams, aged 88 years, was held at the Methodist church this forenoon at 10 o'clock, with interment at the Gilead cemetery. The body of Mr. Williams was brought from Bennington, where he had lived at the Soldiers' home most of the time for 10 years. He had been blind, deaf and in feeble health for several years. He was born here, one of the 14 children of Thomas and Phila (Kimball) Williams. Only one of the large family remains, Mrs. Sarah Jane Bowen, aged 94 years, of North Dana, Mass. Of a large number of children he is survived by three sons, Frank A. Williams of Tunbridge, Nathan Williams of Haverhill, Mass., and T. Rix Williams of Claremont, N. H., and two daughters, Mrs. Lucy Spooner and Mrs. Robert Middleton, both of this town. He was a veteran of the Civil war.

Lieut. A. B. Washburn came home yesterday from Washington, D. C., having been discharged from military service in the quartermaster's department.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walker went this morning to Springfield, Mass., to see their grandchild, Paul Dearing, who is seriously ill.

Ideal weather favored the annual chicken-pie supper and sale of the Congregational ladies' aid society yesterday at the town hall. A rushing business was done, the committees vying with each other in activity. Mrs. D. L. Chadwick, the president, had her forces well in hand and the total result was most harmonious and successful. Committees were as follows: Fancy table, Mrs. J. S. Gay, Mrs. M. E. Gaskill; red booth, Miss Annie Sturk; aprons, Mrs. Eliza P. Miller, Mrs. F. N. Chapman; housekeepers' booth, Miss Lucella Kidder; supper, Mrs. N. L. Chase, Mrs. G. W. Merrill; fish pond, Miss Marion Mitigay, Miss Hazel Whitney; candy, Mrs. C. H. Goss, Mrs. E. C. McIntyre.

Dr. G. A. Best has 41 head of cattle at his barn in this village.

## SOUTH CABOT

Mrs. Jennie Hall of Marshfield is passing a few days with her daughter, Mrs. A. M. Foster.

Erma Bashaw has finished work at Marshfield and returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Morse and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Morse were in Barre on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Colberth of Barre were visitors Monday at Elsie Bove's.

Rosie Darling is home from her work for a few days.

The auction of the late O. J. Clark which was held last Saturday, was well attended and things sold well, although the weather was bad.

C. E. Scribner and family of Montpelier were at W. O. Southwick's over the week end.

Bell Peabody returned from Barre on Monday, where she had been visiting the past week.

Edwin Slayton of Barre was at E. M. Putnam's the first of the week.

## WAITS RIVER

Community Christmas tree on Friday, Dec. 20. Everybody welcome at hall. Program arranged by school teacher.

Christmas sermon on Sunday morning at our church. "O come, let us worship and bow down before Him."

Riveride grange will meet on Dec. 23. Members are asked to try and be present if possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Folansbee and family are located in their new home, near Honey corner.

The bobbin mill yard is nearly empty of logs at present, ready for a fresh supply this winter.

Miss Gauthier was a visitor in Barre on Tuesday afternoon.

## TOPSHAM

The box social and entertainment at town hall on Tuesday evening for the benefit of the Red Cross was a decided success. The opening number on the program was singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," in which all were invited to join. There were several musical selections, also a dialogue by three of the school children, entitled, "The Train to Maura," which were much appreciated. Rev. C. A. Lay gave an address, and by means of a chart gave statistics showing the work done by the Red Cross during the past year. Following this was the sale of the boxes by W. N. Fox. Each lady, seated in a chair, wrapped in a sheet, with feet and hands exposed, holding her box, which was sold to the highest bidder. Hot coffee was served free. Net proceeds amounted to \$14.68. Eugene Eastman and Mr. Simpson of East Corinth furnished music for the last part of the evening. The finance committee wish to thank all who helped to make the event a success, and especially those who made no charge for their services.

G. L. McLam accompanied his wife to Hanover hospital on Sunday, where she will remain for the present.

Moses Mills is on the sick list at the home of his sister, Mrs. R. P. Cilley.

Mrs. Elmer J. Mills and daughter, Miss Alice, were at South Ryegate last Friday where Mrs. Mills went to consult Dr. G. W. Darling.

Miss Ida Mae Hall has been poorly for the past few days.

Miss Ruth McKay is boarding with Mrs. J. K. White.

Russell Morrison and aunt, Mrs. John Hood of Barre, were at H. B. White's Saturday, having made the trip by motorcycle. Mr. Hood came on Sunday with his automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith were at Barre last Saturday.

George Hall and son, Edward, were at Woodsville on Saturday.

Gerald H. Powers returned from Hanover hospital on Saturday, where he underwent an operation on Thursday for the removal of his tonsils.

Rev. C. A. Lay will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church at East Corinth for the present. Service will be at 1:30 p. m., which necessitates having our service here at 10:30 a. m. instead of 11, the usual hour. Please bear in mind that the Sunday morning service will be one-half hour earlier than usual.

The Red Cross meeting will be omitted on Thursday, Dec. 26, it being Christmas week, after which they will be resumed as usual.

Rev. J. C. Wright was a business visitor at Groton on Thursday.

Communion was observed at the United Presbyterian church last Sunday with a goodly number in attendance to listen to the excellent address by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Lay.

## DISPUTES SEC. HOUSTON.

W. J. Spillman Says Agricultural Dept. Has Farm Production Estimates.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—In a letter to-day to Chairman Gore of the Senate agriculture committee, W. J. Spillman, former chief of the department of agriculture's office of farm management, took exception to the recent statement of Secretary Houston that the department was without trustworthy estimates of the cost of farm production. Mr. Spillman reviewed at length investigations made by his office and added:

"There is no possibility, no matter how extensive the investigation of getting more than a reasonably accurate approximation to a final result. This was done in the investigation under discussion."

Mr. Spillman contended that the farmers are entitled to know the results obtained and to say whether the reports prepared on wheat growing represent the facts in the case. He also suggested that the committee is entitled to know why the work of his office in this connection was suspended three months last fall and winter.

## SEN. KNOX WILL TALK

On Deferring Proposal for League of Nations Till Peace Is Signed.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Special subjects before the Senate foreign relations committee at its weekly meeting to-day were resolutions by Senators Johnson of California and Knox of Pennsylvania, respectively, demanding an official statement of the American policy in Russia and for postponement of the defining of a league of nations and freedom of the seas until after the peace treaty.

Senator Knox, it was understood, told the committee in executive session that the question of a league of nations and freedom of the seas should not be included in the formal peace treaty, but should be deferred for separate consideration. Regardless of the committee's action on his resolution, Senator Knox is planning soon to address the Senate in support of his plan of deferring disposal at the peace conference of what now are regarded as two of the most controverted questions.

The resolution of Senator Johnson was introduced last week when he discussed Russian affairs at length.

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## MORETOWN

There is to be a Christmas tree with exercises by the children at the Methodist church on Christmas eve.

Miss Gertrude Slayton of Barre was a guest of her sister, Mrs. W. L. Wilcox, Friday.

Mrs. James Flynn, who has been stopping for some time with her brother, W. B. Goodwin, in Waterbury, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Atkinson and daughter, Vaughn, Mrs. S. E. Atkins and Mrs. F. P. Battles were in Montpelier Thursday.

Miss Claribel Morse is home from the Albany Business college to remain over the holidays.

E. A. Heath, who has been in failing health for some time, is not as well and is confined to his bed as the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. H. Sleeper. Dr. M. F. McGuire of Montpelier was called Monday in consultation with Dr. Haylett.

The address given Sunday evening by Rev. Dr. Shaw was greatly enjoyed.

Private Gordon Lee, who has been in training at Camp Upton, returned home Monday.

Era Hanner, who has employment in Montpelier, was at home here for the week end.

Mrs. Merrill, who has been caring for her daughter in Montpelier, has returned to G. H. Sleeper's.

The Red Cross supper, held Friday evening, was well attended and netted them about \$28.

Mrs. C. B. McAllister was in Waitsfield over Sunday.

Letters were received Monday from Private Albert Ferrin and Theodore Atkins saying they had left Brest and had gone farther north.

## WORCESTER

Mrs. Forrest Merrill and son of Holyoke, Mass., are spending the Christmas vacation at her father's, Henry King.

Miss Goldia Farnsworth has finished her work in Middlesex and returned home.

Mrs. Harold Grey and little daughter of Worcester, Mass., and Mrs. Archie Saxby and son of Marshfield were recent visitors at Forrest Grey's.

There will be Christmas exercises held at the church Tuesday evening.

Roy Chandler has sold the "Pete" lot on west hill to Paul Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hurd and L. M. Hurd have gone to Lynn, Mass., for the winter.

Henry King has received a German helmet from his son-in-law, Arthur Alexander, who is now stationed at Chaumont, France.

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